

COUNTRY Austria (Soviet Zone) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ REPORT  
 TOPIC Soviet Troops at St. Poelten

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REMARKS

1. Sentries observed at the former Kreisgericht (district court) building in St. Poelten on 4 May 1951 wore black-bordered red epaulets. Three officers and three soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets entered the building. No motor vehicles or weapons were parked in the yard.
2. The Franz Josef Kaserne appeared to be unoccupied, with all windows on the streetfront closed, no soldiers, motor vehicles or weapons visible in the billeting area and the barrier at the barracks gate unguarded.
3. No information on either the Rainer Kaserne or the Prinz Eugen Kaserne could be obtained.
4. Several soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets and persons wearing blue and white striped hospital clothing were seen at the Soviet hospital on the north side of Corvinusstrasse. Medical officers observed there were silver epaulets with red longitudinal stripes. Jeep  was parked in front of the hospital.
5. About 45 soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets were quartered in a low barracks building on the north side of Linzerstrasse which is just east of the St. Poelten-Leobersdorf (O 48/X 36) railroad line. Some of the soldiers were being instructed by an officer.
6. No soldiers were observed at the field fortifications set up for training purposes in the municipal forest west of the railroad line.
7. No armored vehicles or heavy weapons were seen in St. Poelten on 4 May. Motor vehicles observed on that day were the following:

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VehicleOccupationRemarks

Jeep

5 soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets

Driving toward the railroad station

Jeep

Moving northward along Kremserlandstrasse

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Jeep	[REDACTED]	3 officers with golden epaulets and 1 driver with black-bordered red epaulets	Driving toward the town	
Jeep	[REDACTED]	2 soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets	Parked at the railroad station	
Jeep	[REDACTED]	2 officers with golden epaulets and 1 driver with black-bordered red epaulets		50X1-HUM
3-axle truck	[REDACTED]	1 officer and 1 driver with black-bordered red epaulets	Driving toward the town center	
3-axle truck	[REDACTED]	Driver with black-bordered red epaulets	Driving toward the town center	
3-axle truck	[REDACTED]	Driver and assistant driver with black-bordered red epaulets	Driving toward Vienna	
Truck	[REDACTED]	Driver and assistant driver with black-bordered red epaulets	Coming from the direction of Linz (N 49/V 88)	

8. Soviet officers and troops were seen entering and leaving a castle-like building with red flags which is on the south side of the St. Poelten-Melk (O 49/W 68) railroad line near the Melk railroad station. \*

\* [REDACTED] Comment. The report indicates the possibility that the components of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in St. Poelten have moved to a troop training grounds for summer training. If the troops have not left their quarters for short field exercises in the vicinity of the post, they can have moved only to the Doellersheim troop training grounds as they did in the preceding years. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It is possible, however, that the movement of troops from St. Poelten to Doellersheim occurred during the period from 27 April to 4 May 1951.

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